single super phosphate capacity equivalent to three standard size units, based on utilisation of Amjhore Pyrites, has been cleared by the Public investment Board.

Import of fertilizers

1640. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the quantity and value of fertilisers imported during the years 1983,1984, 1985 and so far in 1986 ;

(b) the names of fertilizers alongwith the names of the country from which they were imported ;

(c) what is the average annual production of fertilisers in the country ; and

(d) what is the extent of shortage of production *vis-a-vis* the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) The information is furnished in the table given below :

Year	Quantities imported. (In lakh Tonnes of Nutrients)				Cost & Frieght Value (In crores of Rs.)
	'N'	'P'	'K'	Total	
1983-84	6·56	1·43	5·56	13·55	365·05
1984-85	20·08	7·45	8·71	36·24	1500·00
1985-86	16·80	8·16	9·03	33·99	1405·00
1986-87	4·06	0·82	3.58	8·46	233·50 (Approx.)

(Up to 31st July, 1986)

(b) Depending on the need in a particular year, the varieties of fertilizers imported include Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and occasionally Sulphate of Potash (SOP), Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) and Ammonium Sulphate (AS). The countries from where these are generally imported are Abu Dhabi, Bulgaria, Belgium, Burma, Czechoslovakia, Canada, France, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Holland, Hungry, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Trinidad and Tabago, USA, USSR and Yugoslavia.

(c) The average annual production of Nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers during 1983-84 to 1985-86 has been 39.10 lakh tonnes of 'N' and 12.46 Lakh MT of P2O5.

(d) Extent of shortage of indigenous production *vis-a-vis* the demand varies from year to year. In the year 1985-86 the gap of 'N' and P2O5 was 16.49 and 7.25 Lakh tonnes, respectively.